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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, Applicants provide this response in a sincere effort to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claim 14 and added new Claims 33-36. Accordingly, Claims 1-13 and 15-36 are presented for consideration.

In the Office Action, Claims 7-10, 13-17 and 30-32 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge this indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants further wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their attorney during the telephonic interview conducted on January 19, 2006. During the interview, several proposed claims were discussed in view of the art of record. These proposed claims correspond to amended Claims 1, 22, 25 and new Claim 33, which are presented in this Amendment. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that these claims patentably distinguish over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 22, 25 and 33, and those claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Applicants have amended Claim 11 to include the features of defendant Claim 14. Claim 14 has thus been cancelled. Since this combination of claims has been deemed to

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contain allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 11, and those claims depending therefrom, should be allowed.

Applicants have further added new Claims 34-36. New Claim 34 corresponds to original Claims 11 and 13. New Claim 35 corresponds to original Claims 11 and 15. New Claim 36 corresponds to original Claims 11 and 16. In that these combinations of claims have been deemed to contain allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 34-36 should be allowed.

As a result of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application with Claims 1-13 and 15-36.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in moving this case towards allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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